

## NEW RULES SHOULD AID SCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL

Not So Complicated and Young Players Can Grasp Them More Successfully.

PRACTICE STARTS SOON

P. S. A. L. Committee Has Chance Once More to Wage War on Professionalism.

Coaches and players who have expressed their opinions on the effect which the changes in the rules will have upon school football are unanimous in saying that the regulations for this year are better adapted to the needs of the scholastic teams than any that have ever been in force. There is universal optimism and delight on this account, because it was admitted on every hand at the close of last season that the rules then in effect were particularly unfavorable to the younger players and that the game was a fizzle for that reason.

"You must understand," said a man who has met with great success as a coach of school teams in this city and who referred to many of the big games last year, "that the forward pass, except in a few instances, has never been suited to schoolboys and that they have never been able to handle it properly. I believe that the change this year will tend to minimize the importance of the pass, and that for this reason alone there will be a marked improvement in the quality of the playing this fall.

"Take as an example the Boys High-Erasmus game last year. I don't remember the exact number of times that the play was used in that contest, but I do recall that on this account, because it was every time it was attempted. It was the same in all the other games. The team that was alert and quick to profit by the miserable fumbles of the opponents was the one that got the game.

"Of course the addition of another down means that there will be more of the old line bucking and mass plays and I am waiting to hear from all kinds of those who want to abolish the game in the schools. My experience has always been, however, that there is not as much danger in this type of play as in that which obtained last year. Most of the injuries which I remember happening to scholastic players have been sustained in the wide open plays with hard tackles.

"Scholastic teams can manage the line formations and end runs a great deal better than they can the newer plays, which are far too intricate for them to master. It will be interesting to note what will happen to the light eleven such as those turned out by St. Paul's School and at Erasmus Hall. There is a possibility that they will not be able to cope with four downs, but I believe that they will accomplish a great deal by speed.

"The chief reason why the games were so monotonous last fall was that they deteriorated into punting duels and there was no pleasure in watching the ball go back and forth over the field without action or strategy.

"It is safe to say that there will be much more scoring with the forward pass over the goal line and with the new ten yard zone back of the post. Those who saw the games last year will remember how frequent it was that a team would work its way to within striking distance of the opponent's goal line only to be repulsed by a strenuous defense, which was made possible by the safety zone. Taking it all in all, I am sure that the equalization of offense and defense which is hoped for will be even more manifest in the scholastic game than among the colleges.

Calls for candidates for the football squads will go out this week in nineteen of the public high schools. The school year begins to-morrow and the managers of the teams will take advantage of the light work of the first few days to organize their squads and to do the hundred and one things which are necessary to arrange for the beginning of the season. The schedules which are not yet complete will be rounded out within the next two weeks and uniforms and equipment will be procured for the candidates.

The season will begin with a few games on Wednesday, October 2, although it will not be fully under way until the following Saturday. The four weeks which intervene will be none too long for the heavy work of trying out the raft of material and whipping the eleven into shape, so the coaches are expected to begin their duties within the next three days.

Last season was one of green teams. There was an unusually heavy loss of veterans everywhere and this coupled with the fact that the rules were too intricate for scholastic eleven made the results discouraging in many instances. Boys

## Still Another Field for the Motor Truck, Landscape Gardening



OLD DOBBIN need no longer stand switching and stamping because of the files while the landscape-gardener's crew loads the soil into the old Dominion of Canada. Getting off the road into soft ground apparently is no drawback and the workers are loading up, confident the truck will pull out all right.

High School, Erasmus Hall, Commercial and Townsend Harris Hall suffered the most. Now the situation is different, for there are more trained players to draw upon and the conditions in all ways are better.

It is hoped by all who have the interest of scholastic sport at heart that the high schools committee of the P. S. A. L. will be able to cope more efficiently with the difficulties of professionalism than they have during the past two years. The fact that the evil was found to be rife among the baseball teams a year ago last spring and that it cropped out again during the basketball season last winter and then for a second time in the football tournament last spring was very discouraging. The lack of any power to punish the offenders did more than anything else to encourage the practice and there is no reason to suppose that it will not be prevalent again unless drastic measures are taken to stop it.

Although the committee cannot be held directly responsible for the existing condition, for the reason that they lack proper authority to deal with it, it is believed by many that they might have done much to mitigate it by dealing with all cases with an iron hand. It was pointed out that under the circumstances the mere suspension of the athletes who were convicted of taking money was scarcely more than a futile. Not a single coach was censured for allowing professionals to play on his team, and yet there was nothing to show that these men were not responsible inasmuch as they might easily have turned out the practice by taking reasonable care to investigate the records of the players. It was apparently easy for rival teams to unearth the information, and why, it is asked, should not this have been done in the first place?

The marksmen in the high schools are waiting eagerly for news about the outdoor rifle match which has been promised for this fall. After an interval of four years, in which no outdoor tournament was held, an attempt was made by the Board of Rifle Coaches and by Gen. George W. Wingate of the P. S. A. L. last spring to arrange for a series of matches at the permission of the National Guard officers was obtained and the teams were ready, but the project had to be postponed at the last moment because guardsmen were not through with their matches until after the schools were closed. It was announced that the scholastic tournament would be held this October and the matter will be taken up again at the meeting of the board of coaches this month.

**Stahl Takes Pennant Seriously.**  
URBANA, Ill., Sept. 7.—Coach Huff, director of the athletics at the University of Illinois, has received word from Jack Stahl cancelling an exhibition game looked for the Red Sox here next Monday. Stahl says he does not care to take any unnecessary chance of injuring any of his players.

## THE MAN WHO KNOWS ALL NOTABLES IN SPORTS

Former patrons of the racetracks here and elsewhere remember the big doings of the Baldy Ryan, the plunger. John J. Ryan, having tired of the turf, is now interested in fast motor boats and big speed trials in which there is much rivalry. Ryan is here a greater part of the time and recently he offered to bet \$10,000 on the result of a race between a boat owned by him and that of a well known sportsman. Ryan cut a big figure for a time on the New York tracks. He came here from the West and started the betting ring with his plunging tactics. He bought the famous sprinter Reliable from the late William C. Whitney and proceeded to clean up enormous wagers. Reliable, like the noted Rosebud, was a sprinter able to pack heavy burdens, and whenever he went to the post he received the loyal backing of the public. In Ryan's colors Reliable won numerous great races, but also was beaten when it was least expected. Ryan's big bet did not please the stewards of the Jersey Club and one day at Morris Park he was politely invited to cease operations in the ring. Ryan denied that he had been ruled out, but it wasn't long before he stopped coming to the races and he sold his string. Ryan was involved in a business affair in Missouri that made him known all over the country. Later he raced at New Orleans, and according to the officials at the fair grounds he pulled off a killing in which one of the elites had to pay the bill. Ryan soon passed up and left the Crescent city, but not before he had mixed up in a scrap with Willie Shea, his betting commissioner, in the lobby of the St. Charles Hotel. The decision rendered by the on-lookers was a draw.

Friends of James Wakely, once a wealthy sporting man, are planning a benefit for him. Wakely has been very ill and is said to have lost his fortune. For many years he conducted a popular "thrill parlor" at the corner of Sixth avenue and Forty-second street with a poolroom adjacent upstairs. Wakely was deeply mixed in politics and in the sporting business. He was the manager and backer of John L. Sullivan when the big fellow was champion. Wakely's involvement in this venture was due to Charles Johnston of Brooklyn and together they made a heap of gold out of Sullivan's ring triumphs. Wakely was called upon many times to put the brakes on Sullivan while John was supposed to be in training. Sullivan was raising high jinks down at Coney Place Inn on Long Island a few weeks before the fight with Corbett in New Orleans. Paul Casey, the standstill champion at that time, was Sullivan's trainer, but he was helpless. One day in desperation Casey sent a telegram to Wakely begging him to visit Sullivan enjoying a big can of mixed ale. There was a rumour in which Wakely roasted Sullivan to a turn. He threatened to call the Corbett fight off and wash his hands of the champion. Sullivan finally promised to be good and after Wakely had left the big fighter said: "I'd rather be licked by Corbett than lose Jimmy for a friend!" It is a fact that when Sullivan was felled

in a helpless condition a few weeks later and lost his title to Corbett Wakely at the bedside was in tears.

Frank Dwyer, who pitched for the Chicago under Pop Anson, was nearly twenty years ago, was here last week. Dwyer left college to become a professional ball player and after he finished a long engagement with the Chicago Club he signed with the Detroit. Later he became a league umpire, but the trials and tribulations that go with that job compelled him to retire. He invested in the coal business in an up-State city, became interested in politics and was appointed a police commissioner. But he did not sever his relations with baseball entirely, for he accepted the appointment of scout for the Detroit Club and since that he has recommended some first class players. Dwyer is a tight fan of the Sox and he has been the big bug in the days of the Horton law, and even now he comes to town when two star boxers are matched at a local club. Dwyer is well fixed as to worldly goods and is highly regarded by the big men in baseball.

George Solomon, treasurer of the Newark International League Club, finds himself in baseball as a result of unbridled enthusiasm. Solomon is a travelling salesman and a friend of President Ebbets of the Brooklyn club. It was during a Southern trip that Solomon ran across Zach Wheat, the Dodgers' crack outfielder, who then was playing with a Southern league club. In response to a telegram Ebbets purchased Wheat, who instantly made good in fast company. Solomon became one of the Brooklyn club's scouts and there and has been recommending young bloods ever since. Last winter he liberated money and with Ebbets he purchased a third interest in the Newark club, also being elected treasurer at a salary of \$7,500 a year. He will not be surprised if Solomon some day is the president of the club, for he is well fitted to serve in that capacity.

Napoleon Lajoie's great playing on the Hilltop last week recalled the day back in 1896 when Arthur Irwin, then manager of the Giants, secured an option on the big Frenchman's services for \$500. Lajoie was a member of the Fall River team, but when Irwin put the deal up to the owner of the New York club he was instantly turned down. The Philadelphia Nationals, however, paid \$500 for Lajoie's release and he joined the team forthwith as a first baseman. His first appearance at the Polo Grounds in a Philadelphia uniform was a startling success, for he knocked the ball into the left field bleachers, called Burkeville, for a home run. Lajoie has been playing major league ball for sixteen years and is not through yet. He is about 35 and is still a powerful fielder. He has taken care of his health. It is said that he would rather spend the evening in a hotel lobby while the other fellows visit the theatres or some other place of amusement.

## THIS IS THE TIME TO HUNT.

Shore Bird Season Already Open—New York and Jersey Change Laws.

Hunting time is here and already the season is open for shore birds. New York and New Jersey at their legislative sessions last year and this year revised their game laws. The open seasons for game are now as follows (last date indicates first day of close season):

New York.—When first date of open season falls on Sunday, season opens on the preceding Saturday.  
Deer, with horns not less than three inches long, in Adirondack region and wholly enclosed parks—October 1-November 15. The Adirondack region comprises the counties of Warren, Hamilton, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington, and that part of Jefferson, Lewis and Oneida counties lying east of the Utica and Black River Railroad from Utica to Ogdensburg.  
Deer, rest of State.—No open season.  
Exception.—Deer having horns not less than three inches in length in Ulster county and towns of Naverack, Cochenet, Tusten, Highland, Lumberland, Fortburgh, Bethel and all of towns of Mannakating and Thompson south of Newburgh and Cochenet township in Sullivan county and Deer Park in Orange county—November 1-November 15.  
Elk, moose, caribou, antelope.—No open season.  
Varying hare.—November 1-February 1.  
Rabbit.—October 1-January 1.  
Squirrel, black or gray.—November 1-January 1.  
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Quail, pheasants (male only), grouse—November 1-January 1.  
Dove.—No open season.  
Woodcock.—October 1-December 1.  
Plover, curlew, snipe, surf, bird, sandpiper, tailors—August 1-December 1.  
Mud hens and gallinules—September 16-January 1.  
Water fowl (except wood duck and swan)—September 16-January 1.  
Long Island (1912).  
Deer.—No open season.  
Varying hare.—November 1-February 1.  
Rabbit (cottontail)—October 1-January 1.  
Squirrel, black or gray.—November 1-January 1.  
Quail, pheasants (male only), grouse—November 1-January 1.  
Dove.—No open season.  
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Plover, curlew, snipe, surf, bird, sandpiper, tailors—August 1-December 1.  
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Water fowl.—October 1-January 1.  
New Jersey (1902).  
Deer, bucks only (no open season for does).—November 1-November 8. Not applicable to deer in game preserves or to possession of imported deer properly tagged.  
Rabbit, squirrel.—November 1-January 1.  
Quail, ruffed grouse (partridge), prairie chicken, Hungarian partridge, English and ringneck pheasant (female only), wild turkey.—November 1-January 1.  
Dove.—No open season.  
Woodcock.—October 1-December 1.  
Plover (except English snipe), sandpiper, yellow legs, all shore birds.—May 1-January 1.  
English (Wilson) snipe (bob or jack snipe).—September 1-January 1. Also March and April.  
Redbird, marsh hen, fall.—September 1-January 1.  
Duck (except mallard, black duck, sheldrake and wood duck), swan.—November 1-March 1.  
Open season for duck, goose and brant on Delaware River and Bay.—September 1-March 2.  
Wood duck.—April 1, 1913.  
Mallard, black duck.—November 1-March 2.  
Sheldrake, goose, brant.—November 1-April 1.

## TIGERS GET BUSY TO-MORROW.

New Line Is Coaches' Problem—Back Field Looks Strong.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 7.—With the opening of football practice here on Monday morning the Tigers' 1912 gridiron campaign will be formally launched. Although the college proper does not open for another ten days, letters have been sent out requesting all candidates to report on Monday and it is generally expected that a goodly number will be on hand. A ruling passed by the faculty last year, which has prohibited the Athletic Association from boarding the candidates at the training table prior to the opening of college, will keep away a few of the men, but this number will be small. According to the present plan, both morning and afternoon drills will be held until the opening of the university, after which only afternoon practice will be in order. The coaching system put into effect last

year and which resulted in the first championship eleven for the Tigers since 1903 will be in force. According to this plan, the actual field coaching will be done by a committee of three field coaches, comprising a head coach and two assistants. The squad will be in charge of Logan Cunningham, 11, who was the standard last year, and Tom Wilson and Joe Duff, both members of last year's championship eleven.

According to the present outlook, the hardest problem of coaches is the development of a line. The entire left side of last year's line, comprising Sam White, ex-Capt. Eddie Hart, both All-American selections, and Tom Wilson, together with Duff, right guard, another All-American selection, will be missing. This leaves as a nucleus about which to build a new line only Blumenthal at center, Phillips at right tackle and Dunlap at right end. In the back field a much better condition of affairs exists. Of last year's team only fullback Vaughn will be missed and there is a wealth of new material. According to the outlook at present Capt. Pendleton will be shifted from quarterback to halfback. Emmos, quarter on the 1914 freshman team, will fill in at quarter back and DeWitt will be shifted from half to fullback. DeWitt is the standard when it comes to rushing the ball, but he is an excellent secondary defence man and undoubtedly the best punter in college. Another promising man is Striet, a sophomore.

## SPALDING TO PLAY QUARTER.

Yale Captain Will Try to Fill Up Breach Left by Howe.

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 7.—Plans are well under way for the fall programme in Yale athletics. The trainers for the football eleven are in town and have received some preliminary orders from Trainer John Mack. The track is ready for the men who come back a few days earlier for that kind of work, and down at the harbor the shells are all being put in shape for the month or six weeks on the harbor which makes up the fall work for the Yale navy and ends with the regatta which decides the likely men for the first boat. There is considerable talk among graduates interested in football that Capt. Jesse Spalding of the eleven will offer himself as a sacrifice in the development of a quarterback. Yale lost through graduation Arthur Howe, and there is no one to take his place. It will be rather odd if Spalding plays quarterback. He was an ordinary player at the start of last season, but he developed rapidly and was one of the best backs in the finish. His qualities of leadership won him the election as captain over the brilliant All-American star Bomelsdorff. Spalding is one of the headiest backed players that Yale has had and has never been known to become excited while playing. He is a first class tactician on the gridiron and a great man at discussing plays. There is not the objection at Yale that there used to be against a quarterback captain. Spalding could be spared as a halfback if necessary, because of the ability and promise of Dick Baker, Dave Dunn, Holliday Philbin, Walter Camp, Jr., Castles, Cornell and Markie, all of whom will be candidates for half and full back positions.

## N. A. A. M. SOON TO JOIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Members at Meeting Decide to Become Part of Big Organization.

TWO MEMBERS ELECTED

Several Changes Made of Representatives of Members.

At a meeting of the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers held on Friday of last week it was practically settled that the N. A. A. M. will become a member of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which was organized early this year under the auspices of the Federal Government. It was the consensus of those present at the meeting that the objects of the Chamber of Commerce merited the active support of the automobile trade. When the N. A. A. M. joins the Chamber of Commerce it will be represented by either its president or vice-president.

Two applicants were added to the N. A. A. M. membership roll—the Western Motor Car Company of Richmond, Ind., represented by H. E. Ashby, and the Kline Motor Car Corporation of York, Pa., represented by J. A. Kline.

The name of the Metzger Motor Car Company having been changed to the Flanders Motor Company, the Metzger membership in the N. A. A. M. was transferred to the latter. It will continue to be represented by W. E. Metzger, who is serving his second term as president of the national organization. The membership of the Rapid Motor Vehicle Company also was transferred to the General Motors Truck Company, which will be represented by Gleason Murphy.

Several changes of members' representatives also were confirmed. E. R. Benson succeeded Frank E. Fisher as representative of the (Studebaker) E-M-F Company. Hanson Robinson succeeded W. R. Innis as representative of the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company and G. G. Luby succeeded J. R. Bartholomew as representative of the Bartholomew Company.

Those present at the meeting were: W. E. Metzger, A. L. Pope, W. C. Leland, H. O. Smith, H. H. Rice, Alfred Reeves, R. D. Chapin, S. D. Walden, Charles Clinton, Hugh Chalmers, S. T. Davis, Jr., S. A. Miles, J. S. Marvin and A. L. Prindle.

**Pittsburg Eleven Already Busy.**

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 7.—With the heavy schedule of its history confronting the coaches, the football squad of the university is taking time for the forelock and already is busy on the local field. Head Coach Joe Thompson has half a hundred men to choose from and had prospects reached the stage where scrub elevens are running through signal practice. It is the earliest start in the gridiron career of the school.

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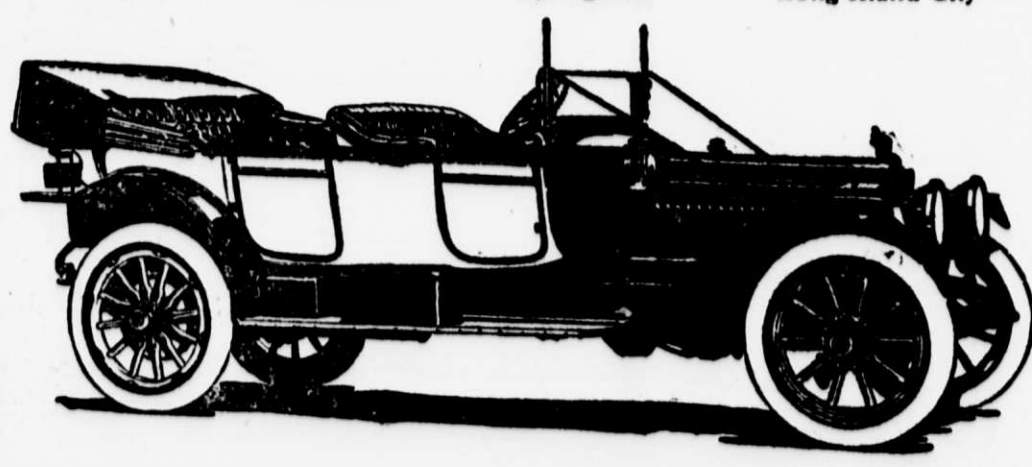
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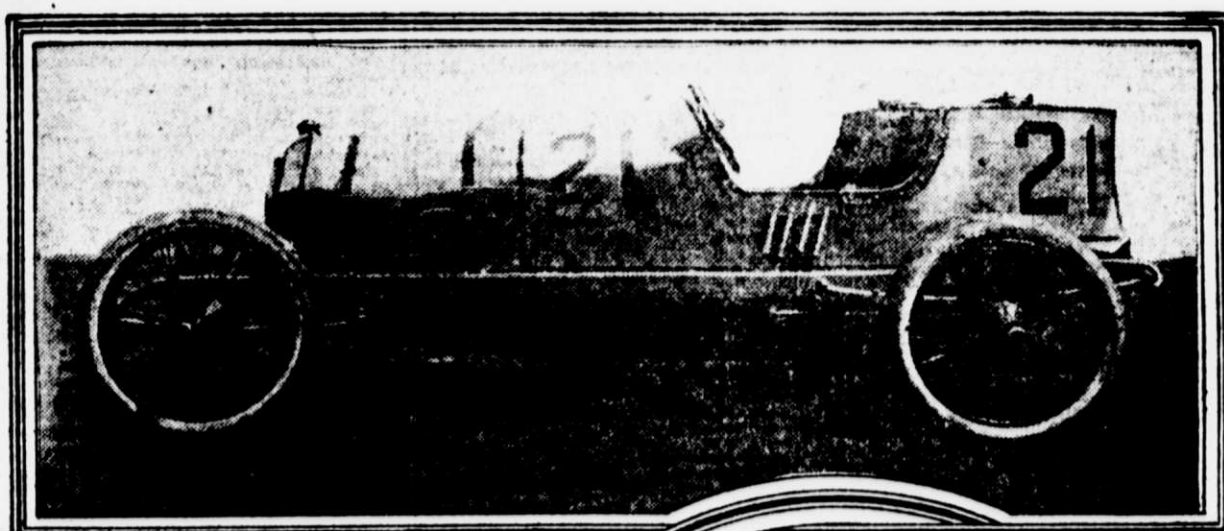
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## Mercer Racer in Speed Dress



The builders of racing cars do not follow fashion. Rather they seek designs that will make for speed. The unique construction of the MERCER car with which HUGHIE HUGHES won the Aurora trophy at Elgin is here shown. The bonnet and rear are so constructed as to cause little wind resistance. This is one of the few racing cars equipped with wire wheels.

## Wants New League in Ohio

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Sept. 7.—Bobby Quinn, business manager of the Columbus club, is agitating the formation of a minor baseball league of Ohio cities. He wants the owners of the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo clubs to place a second team in the field and thereby furnish the cities with continuous ball during the summer. The remainder of the circuit would be Springfield, Dayton, Youngstown and Canton. The schedule would be arranged so as not to conflict with the larger clubs in the first four cities, the same parks being used while they are abroad.